

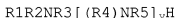
II. CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) ~~An essentially~~ A nonvolatile, caustic free composition comprising one or more oligo alkylene glycols and/or their mono alkyl ethers and/or ether hydroxy esters, in combination with one or more, optionally partially neutralized, nonvolatile di/oligoamines, corresponding to formulas A and B, respectively:



Formula A

wherein each R is independently hydrogen, or a monovalent, saturated one to six carbon hydrocarbyl ligand or a phenyl group, each R' is independently chosen from among divalent saturated two to six carbon hydrocarbyl ligands each A is a monovalent ligand chosen from among hydrogen or a 2 to four carbon hydroxy acyl group, and x is an integer from 3 to 20:



Formula B

wherein R1, R2, R4 are each independently hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, propyl, 2-hydroxyethyl or 2- or 3-hydroxypropyl ligands, and each R3, and each R5 are independently two to 12 carbon divalent saturated hydrocarbyl or ether ligands, and y is an integer from 1 to 5, inclusive

and wherein the ratio of the compound of formula A to the compound of formula B is in the range of from 47:53 to 70:30.

2. (Original) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the

degree of neutralization (pH) has been adjusted such that dilution with from one to 10 volumes of water per volume of composition of claim 1 produces a mixture having a pH in the range of 6 to 8.

3. (Original) The composition according to claim 1 further comprising a neutralizing agent that is a di or polybasic acid.

4. (Original) The composition according to claim 2 further comprising a neutralizing agent that is a di or polybasic acid.

5. (Original) The composition of any of claims 1-4, further comprising defoamers, water, wetting agents, or a combination thereof.

6. Cancelled

7. (Previously Presented) A method of removing polymeric organic coatings from solid substrates, comprising applying to the coating a composition according to any of claims 1-4.

8. (Previously Presented) A method of removing waxes, printing inks, and/or paints from solid substrates, comprising applying to the coating a composition according to any of claims 1-4.

9. Cancelled

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the coating to be removed is a wax.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the

coating to be removed is an ink.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the coating to be removed is a paint.

13. (Previously Presented) A method for producing a composition according to claim 1, comprising combining with one or more oligo alkylene glycols and/or their mono alkyl ethers, and or ether hydroxy esters in combination with one or more, optionally partially neutralized, nonvolatile di/oligoamines, corresponding to formulas A and B, respectively, as defined in claim 1.

14. (Previously Presented) A method of producing a composition according to claim 13, further comprising adding one or more wax stripper additives, one or more ink stripper additives, or one or more paint stripper additives to the composition.

15-20. Cancelled

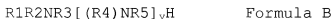
21. (Currently Amended) An essentially nonvolatile, caustic free composition ~~essentially consisting of~~ comprising at least 15.3 weight percent of a combination of one or more oligo alkylene glycols and/or their mono alkyl ethers, in combination with one or more, optionally partially neutralized, nonvolatile di/oligoamines, corresponding to formulas A and B, respectively:



Formula A

wherein each R is independently hydrogen, or a monovalent, saturated one to six carbon hydrocarbaryl ligand or a phenyl group, each R' is independently chosen from among divalent

saturated two to six carbon hydrocarbyl ligands each A is a monovalent ligand chosen from among hydrogen or a 2 to four carbon hydroxy acyl group, and x is an integer from 3 to 20:



wherein R₁, R₂, R₄ are each independently hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, propyl, 2-hydroxyethyl or 2- or 3-hydroxypropyl ligands, and each R₃, and each R₅ are independently two to 12 carbon divalent saturated hydrocarbyl or ether ligands, and y is an integer from 1 to 5, inclusive and wherein the degree of neutralization (pH) has been adjusted such that dilution with from one to 10 volumes of water per volume of composition of claim 1 produces a mixture having a pH in the range of 6 to 8.

22. Cancelled

23. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 21 further comprising a neutralizing agent that is a di or polybasic acid.

24. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim 21 ~~claim 22~~ further comprising a neutralizing agent that is a di or polybasic acid.

25. (Currently Amended) The composition of any of ~~claims 21-24~~ claims 21 or 23-24, further comprising defoamers, water, wetting agents, or a combination thereof.